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In re the application of: Hermann Bujard and

Manfred Gossen

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For: Animals Transgenic for a Tetracycline-Regulated Transcriptional Inhibitor

Attorney Docket No.: BBI-009C4CN

Commissioner for Patents

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## REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action dated September 13, 2001 (Paper No. 10).

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$920.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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